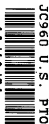


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Transmittal of Application Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(b)

Application of: Böhm, Ramic, Ulmer, Hergenrother, Rademacher, and Lawson
For METHOD OF IMPROVING CARBON BLACK DISPERSION IN RUBBER
COMPOSITIONS

Enclosed is a new patent application. It includes 0 sheet(s) of drawings.

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 - ☐ under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a) from one or more foreign filed patent application(s):
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4. ☒ Enclosed is the oath/declaration executed by each named inventor.
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6. ☒ Enclosed is Patent Application Bibliographic Data Sheet.

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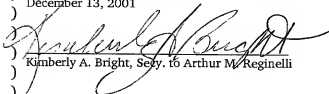
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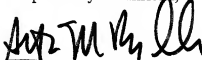
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